

fine silky yellow hair. The elytral costæ are twice as numerous as in *Rhyparus*, a secondary series, less elevated, alternating with the primary series. M. Fairmaire's comparison of the elytral sculpture with that of *Syba* *impressicollis* seems to be due to a misconception, for that genus is very different in every respect and has very broad and flat intervals between the costæ. There are no elytral pits or callosities in *Sylacodes*, the head is relatively smaller than in *Rhyparus*, the metasternum shorter, and the last abdominal segment longer. M. Fairmaire has described the front tibiæ as three-toothed, but he has evidently mistaken the strong terminal spine for the apical tooth.

LXXI.—*Descriptions of Seven new Species of Notodontidæ from Tropical South America.* By HERBERT DRUCE, F.L.S. &c.

Hippia undulata, sp. n.

Male.—Head, antennæ, collar, tegulæ, and thorax yellowish brown; thorax and abdomen brown; anal tuft yellowish white; legs yellowish brown. Primaries dark fawn-colour, crossed from the costal margin to the inner margin by a number of fine undulating blackish-brown lines, some of which are broken into small spots; beyond the cell a rather large brown spot: secondaries blackish brown, palest at the base and along the inner margin; the fringe fawn-colour.—*Female* very similar to the male, but paler in colour and with all the markings more distinct.

Expanse, ♂ $1\frac{1}{2}$, ♀ $1\frac{3}{4}$ inch.

Hab. Colombia, Minca, 2000 feet (*H. H. Smith, Mus. Druce*).

Blera argentata, sp. n.

Male.—Head, antennæ, and palpi black; collar and thorax dark brown; tegulæ silvery grey; abdomen pale greyish brown; the anal segments clothed with black hairs; under-side of thorax and abdomen yellowish brown; the legs dark brown. Primaries dark silvery brown; a line crossing the base of the wing and the discal spot yellowish brown; two narrow waved black lines cross the wing from the costal to the inner margin, the first about the middle, the second

beyond the cell; the outer margin broadly silvery grey; a marginal row of black streaks extends from the apex to the anal angle: secondaries pale greyish brown, slightly yellowish along the inner margin.

Expanse $1\frac{3}{4}$ inch.

Hab. S.E. Peru, Santo Domingo, 6000 feet (*Mus. Druce*).

Meragisa Garlepi, sp. n.

Male.—Head, collar, tegulæ, and thorax pale olive-green; antennæ brown; abdomen above dark brown, the sides and underside yellow, the anal segment yellowish brown thickly irrorated with small brown scales; underside of thorax and legs yellow. Primaries pale olive-green, crossed from the costal to the inner margin by three narrow fawn-coloured bands, edged with black, the first near the base, the second before the middle of the cell, the third beyond the cell; the orbicular spot white; a greyish-white waved submarginal line extends from the apex to the anal angle; a marginal row of black dots from the apex to the anal angle; the fringe alternately yellow and brown: secondaries blackish brown, the base, inner margin, and the fringe pale yellow. Underside of both wings pale yellow, shaded with dark brown, the outer margins yellow.

Expanse $2\frac{3}{4}$ inches.

Hab. Bolivia, Songo (*Garlep*, *Mus. Druce*).

Meragisa semifulva, sp. n.

Male.—Head and thorax grey, thickly clothed with reddish-brown hairs; palpi black, the third joint small, clothed with yellow hairs; collar and tegulæ reddish brown; antennæ brown; abdomen blackish brown, the basal segment yellow, the anal segment greyish brown; underside of the thorax and abdomen yellow; legs yellow. Primaries greyish white, crossed from the costal margin to the inner margin by a series of lunule-shaped reddish-brown lines; orbicular spot yellow; the base and centre of the wing shaded with yellow; a marginal row of black spots extends from the apex to the anal angle; the fringe alternately reddish brown and yellow: secondaries brownish black, the inner margin broadly banded with pale yellow, the fringe yellow. Underside pale yellowish white, clouded with blackish brown.

Expanse $2\frac{1}{4}$ inches.

Hab. S.E. Peru, Santo Domingo, 6000 feet (*Mus. Druce*).

Lobeza Smithi, sp. n.

Female.—Head, palpi, collar, tegulæ, and thorax grey; abdomen yellowish white, the sides thickly clothed with white hairs; antennæ reddish brown; underside of the thorax, abdomen, and legs white. Primaries greyish white, thickly irrorated with reddish scales; a reddish-brown band crosses the wing near the base: secondaries greyish white; the fringes of both wings grey. Underside of both wings sordid white.

Expanse $2\frac{1}{4}$ inches.

Hab. Colombia, Don Amo, 2000 feet (*H. H. Smith, Mus. Druce*).

Hemiceras affinis, sp. n.

Male.—Head, collar, and tegulæ reddish fawn-colour, back of the head white; antennæ dark brown; thorax and abdomen dark brown; underside of thorax black; legs and underside of the abdomen greyish fawn-colour. Primaries fawn-colour, crossed beyond the middle from the apex to the middle of the inner margin by a dark brown line, palest on the outer edge; a straight brown line crosses the wing near the base, but does not reach either margin; the fringe dark brown: secondaries white, the outer margin shaded with fawn-colour, and no opaque spot near the anal angle; fringe white. Underside of both wings cream-colour, the primaries shaded with fawn-colour along the costal margin and at the apex.—The *female* very similar to the male, but larger.

Expanse, ♂ 2, ♀ $2\frac{1}{4}$ inches.

Hab. N. Peru, Huancabamba, 6000–10,000 feet; S.E. Peru, Santo Domingo, 6000 feet (*Mus. Druce*).

Hemiceras Buckleyi, sp. n.

Male.—Head, collar, tegulæ, and thorax brown, thickly irrorated with greyish scales; antennæ and palpi dark brown; abdomen above greyish brown, underside almost white. Primaries dark fawn-colour, irrorated with brown scales; the orbicular spot dark brown; a submarginal dark brown line extends from the apex to the inner margin: secondaries pale reddish brown. Underside of both wings brownish white.

Expanse $2\frac{1}{4}$ inches.

Hab. Ecuador, Sarayacu (*C. Buckley, Mus. Druce*).